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President: Mr. CASTELLANOS (Venezuela)

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Opening statement by the spokesman for the Group B countries

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meeting of western European countries at Bonn, the Group B countries had reiterated their determination actively to pursue the negotiations on a common fund to a successful conclusion.

8. These various negotiations had often proved more difficult than expected, which showed how exceedingly complex the problems were and how diverse the interests involved. Only patient, detailed and specific exchanges of views, instead of the reiteration of unduly generalized words, would bring about lasting results capable of satisfying the interests of all, and in particular of the developing countries.

The meeting rose at 6.25 p.m.